(b) The JCI alongwith Cooperatives purchased following quantities of raw jute from growers during 1985-86 and 1986-87 jute seasons:

(Figures in Bales)

Year (July-June)	JCI	Coopera-tives	Total
1985-86	68,087	37,001	1,05,088
1986-87 (up to 7-3-87)	40,833	23,167	64,000

(c) At present, JCI is operating through 9 purchase centres of its own and 29 purchase centres are being operated by Cooperatives. Expension of market coverage is decided every year depending on crop prospects in Orissa in consultation with the State Government.

Touting Business at ISBT, Delhi

†2219. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the thriving touting business to fleece the passengers besides the activities of the gang of thieves at the Delhi's Inter-State Bus Terminus in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to identify the net work of the criminals and to liquidate the sang of thieves and luggage lifters to give relief to the passengers coming to the ISBT Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) During the period from 1st January, 1986 to 15th February, 1987, 12 cases of cheating etc. of passengers at ISBT, have been reported to the Delhi Police.

(b) Round-the-clock watch is maintained at the ISBT for suspicious looking persons, Announcements are made on the loudspeaker requesting the people to beware of cheats. Police patrolling has been intensified in the area.

†Previously Unstarred Question 1822, transferred from the 11th March, 1987.

अभ्रक व्यापार निगम की गिरिडीह (बिहार) स्थित शाखा में आग की घटना

2220. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय अभ्रक व्यापार निगम की गिरिडीह शाखा में कारखाना नं० 4 में दिसम्बर, 1986 में विद्युतीय आग लगी जिसके परिणामस्वरूप लाखों रुपए की क्षति हुई जबकि उस दिन पूरे शहर में बिजली नहीं थी ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि फरवरी, 1987 के पहले सप्ताह में कीमती संसाधित अभ्रक के 5 बक्सों की चोरी हुई थी और जिसकी पुष्टि पहले नहीं की गई परन्तु जब फैक्टरी नं० 1 के श्रमिकों ने यह मामला उठाया तब पुलिस द्वारा बंगाल रुबी कम्पनी से 5 बक्से अभ्रक के जब्त किये गये ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि 1980 से लेकर अब तक गिरिडीह में "मिटको' कारखानों में कई बार चोरियां हुई हैं और अधिकतर मामलें प्रकाश में नहीं आते हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस मामलें में छानबीन करने के लिए केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरों से जांच कराएगी ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० शिवशंकर) : (क) शार्ट सर्किट की वजह से मिटको के गिरिडीह स्थित सिलवरिंग सयंत्र के एक उपस्कर में 13 दिसम्बर, 1986 को आग लग गई जिसके परिणामस्वरूप लगभग 32,000 रु० की क्षति होने का अनुमान है। यह सच नहीं है कि उस दिन पूरे शहर में बिजली नहीं थी ।

(ख) 21 फरवरी, 1987 को यह पता लगाया गया कि फैक्टरी नं० 1 के अभ्रक के पांच बक्से गुम हैं। चोरी की मात्रा का पता लगा लेने के बाद पुलिस में एफ आई आर दर्ज करायी गयी। स्थानीय प्रशासन को भी सूचित कर दिया गया। पुलिस ने मै० बंगाल रुबी कं० गिरिडीह के परिसन से चोरी का सामान बरामद किया ।

(ग) 1980 से 1986 तक गिरिडीह स्थित मिटको की फैक्टरियों में चोरी के दो मामले घटित हुए । दोनों अवसरों पर मामले की जांच पुलिस द्वारा की गई।

(घ) जी नहीं ।

Death of a Leopard in Airconditioning duct

2221. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how the leopard reached into an airconditioning duct in the Wazirpur Industrial Area and died recently; and

(b) for what reasons the dead leopard was taken to police station as reported in the press?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) It is not known how the leopard strayed into Wazirpur Industrial Area. There was no barrier in the Wazirpur Industrial Area, which could prevent it from entering the airconditioning plant.

(b) The details are being ascertained and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Demand of IFWJ

2222. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Indian Federation of Working Journalists (IFWJ) has renewed its demand for the removal of Mr. U. N. Bachawat from the Chairmanship of the Wage Board for journalists and non-journalists;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) has set June 30, as the deadline to complete its work and submit its recommendations to Government; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter and whether Government will direct the Wage Board to submit its report before 30th June, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Reports to this effect have appeared in Press.

(c) The Wage Board has been requested to finalise and submit the report at the earliest.